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Can We Span the Gap
on Bridge Repair?

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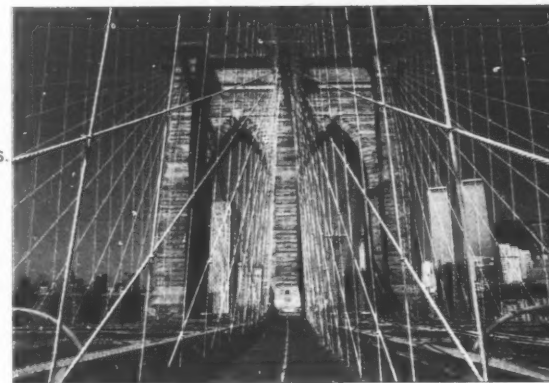
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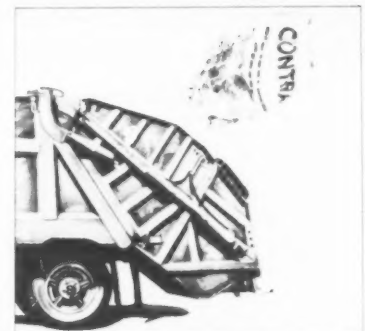
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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

For the third straight month, the **ACC Construction Cost Index** fell, but despite the minor drop heavy financial debts and high interest rates may curb construction spending and outlays during the year. While these drawbacks could delay some projects, the delays should not be strong enough to cause a real decline in the construction industry.

The **Municipal Cost Index** increased 0.2 percent for the

month due to gains in the **Consumer Price Index** and **Producer Price Index**. Both the **Consumer Price Index** and the **Producer Price Index** rose 0.3 percent for the month. Passenger cars (6.9 percent) and trucks (8.3 percent) showed the largest gains in this month's marketbasket.

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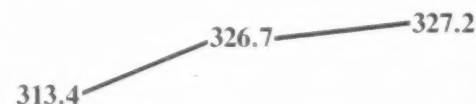
THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From:	
		Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	142.9	0.0	2.2
Apparel	197.3	-0.1	0.8
Asphalt Roofing	385.0	-0.2	-5.3
Books	122.5	0.6	6.1
Chemicals, Industrial	348.6	0.7	0.8
Coal	536.7	0.1	-0.3
Concrete Products	303.3	0.2	1.6
Construction Machinery	353.5	0.0	1.7
Diesel Fuel	711.9	2.6	-9.2
Electric Lamps	326.9	0.1	10.1
Electric Power	423.9	-1.0	3.7
Electric Components	187.0	0.5	5.9
Engines, I.C.	340.9	0.2	1.3
Fans and Blowers	335.8	-0.4	-0.2
Fertilizers, Mixed	253.5	-0.6	-5.2
Floor Coverings	188.1	-0.1	3.6
Footwear	251.2	0.1	0.9
Foundry Products	352.5	0.5	1.7
Fuel Oil No. 2	749.3	1.6	-8.5
Furniture, Commercial	287.9	0.1	3.4
Gasoline	612.7	-1.3	-8.9
Generator Sets	334.1	0.0	6.9
Glass	229.5	0.0	3.8
Glass Containers	351.1	0.0	-2.1
Gypsum Products	304.3	2.9	19.3
Hardware	290.0	0.1	2.5
Heating Equipment	245.0	0.1	2.8
HVAC Controls	122.3	0.1	2.2
LP Gas	734.6	2.3	2.6
Lubricants	348.8	-0.7	-0.8
Lumber	345.8	-0.1	N/A
Metal Fabrications	304.4	0.2	-0.5
Millwork	307.1	0.5	10.2
Motor Vehicle Parts	350.8	0.1	-0.7
Mowers	253.6	0.1	2.5
Natural Gas	1387.2	-2.8	-0.7
Office Machines	155.2	0.3	1.9
Paint	264.1	-0.2	-0.2
Paper	286.6	0.5	0.4
Passenger Cars	222.4	6.9	1.7
Plumbing Fixtures	292.7	0.4	5.4
Plywood	246.5	1.7	10.0
Portland Cement	348.0	-0.1	4.0
Pumps	345.1	-0.2	-0.9
Residual Fuel	1193.1	1.5	5.7
Sand and Gravel	286.2	0.0	1.9
Sanitary Papers	359.7	0.1	0.6
Soaps, Detergents	265.3	0.1	4.3
Sporting Goods	206.5	-0.2	0.2
Steel Mill Products	358.1	0.1	2.4
Struc. Clay Prod.	282.8	0.4	7.1
Switchgear	270.4	0.2	2.2
Tires and Tubes	242.7	0.1	-5.1
Transformers	224.2	-0.2	1.6
Trucks	326.2	8.3	2.7
Valves	100.1	0.6	N/A
Wire and Cable	202.6	-0.6	2.7
Wiring Devices	338.3	0.5	3.5

At-A-Glance Changes

ACC MUNICIPAL COST INDEX

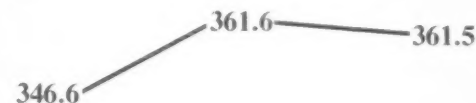
Last Year Last Month This Month



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.2** Year **4.4**

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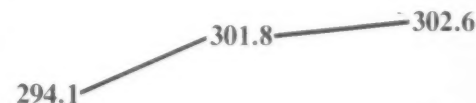
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Percent Change From Last: Month **0.0** Year **4.3**

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

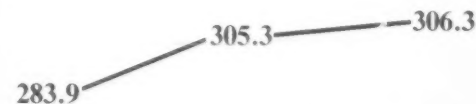
Last Year Last Month This Month



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **2.9**

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)

Last Year Last Month This Month



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **7.9**

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From:	
		Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	478.5B	3.6	9.5
Federal Grants	86.8B	1.2	2.0
Durable Purchases	14.2B	2.2	7.6
Consumables	31.2B	1.3	0.0
Services	325.4B	1.8	7.7
Structures	37.7B	-4.6	-7.6
Salaries, Wages	238.1B	1.8	7.7
Surplus	51.8B	28.2	61.9
Employment	13.085M	0.9	1.2